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1. Thai police have ordered the confiscation of the controversial Thai film, The Exploded Mine, which was produced by the late Prince Chetanokorn Worawarn's Chetanokorn Film Company.
2. The film was originally banned by the Thai Board of Censors because of obscene scenes. However, when it was reviewed on 21 April 1950 by the Central Board of the Thai Ministry of Interior, under Phya Kam Rajbhakdi, it was ruled out because of the plot, which dealt with the technique of calling and operating a labor strike.
3. The film, which is concerned with working conditions among the laborers in the tin mines in southern Thailand, was written by Ratana Amatiratana, who is believed to be the same as Kanha Buranaprakon, a Thai translator of Soviet propaganda films.
4. Huat Thongrot, Member of Parliament from Mahasarakam, who allegedly is pro-Communist, was the leader of a movement to have the film released. Huat, through the intercession of Khuang Abhaiwong, was able to secure the release of the film for a showing before a gathering of Democrats on the night of 7 May 1950.

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